

SPECIAL OFFERING

Starter Set of Ancient Judaeen Coins

The pleasure obtainable from collecting ancient Judaeen coins is, happily, not directly proportional to the money spent. While there are many coins selling for \$100 to \$1000 and even higher, there are also many which almost anyone can afford. And there is no need to apologize for collecting the inexpensive coins. They represent, just as their rarer counterparts do, a physical bridge with the events and personalities of 2000 years ago.

I have compiled a suggested starter set of ancient Jewish and related coins. This can serve as a complete set in itself or as a kicking-off point for more sophisticated collecting goals.

The requirements for inclusion were that the coins had to be both inexpensive and easily obtainable, a combination which is not always mutually inclusive. The coins chosen are the lowest priced issues of most of the rulers of Judaea plus several interesting issues commemorating events in Judaeen-Roman history.

Seventeen coins compose the complete starter set; they are bronze except as noted.

Coins SS1-4 and SS6 were issued by the descendants of Simon Macca-beus.

Coin SS5 (silver denarius) was issued by Scaurus, the ambassador from Rome, who sided with Aristobulus II against his brother, Hyrcanus II, in their dispute for the kingdom of Judaea. Aristobulus II pursued Hyrcanus II and his ally, Aretas III, the King of Nabataea, and inflicted a crushing defeat on them in 65 B.C.E.

Coins SS7-8 and SS13 were issued by Herod I ("The Great") and his descendants.

Coins SS9-12 and SS14 were issued by the Roman Procurators (Governors) of Judaea.

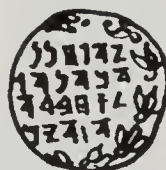
Coin SS15 was issued by the Jewish revolutionaries — the Zealots, Sicarri and others during the First Revolt.

Coin SS16 (silver denarius) was issued by the Roman Emperor Vespasian following the fall of Jerusalem.

Coin SS17 was issued during the Second Revolt by Simon Bar Kochba.

The low cost of this starter set is certainly a bargain for such a chunk of history.

Illustrations by the author.



SS1 John Hyrcanus—137-104 B.C.E.



SS2 Judas Aristobulus—104-103 B.C.E.



SS3 Alexander Jannaeus—103-76 B.C.E.





SS4 Jonathan Hyrcanus II 67 & 63-40 B.C.E.



SS11 Valerius Gratus 15-26 C.E.



SS5 M. Scaurus 58 B.C.E.



SS12 Pontius Pilatus 26-36 C.E.



SS6- Antigonus Mattathias 40-37 B.C.E.



SS13 Herod Agrippa I 37-44 C.E.



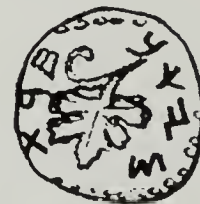
SS7 Herod I 37-4 B.C.E.



SS14 Antonius Felix 52-60 C.E.



SS8 Herod Archelaus 4 B.C.E.-6 C.E.



SS15 First Revolt 66-70 C.E.



SS9 Coponius 6-9 C.E.



SS16 Flavius Vespasian 69-79 C.E.



SS10 M. Ambibulus 9-12 C.E.



SS17 Simon Bar Kochba 132-135 C.E.

SS No.	REFERENCE NO. (1)	OBVERSE	REVERSE	APPROX. PRICE (2)
1	Reif. 9 or 10	Laurel wreath. "JEHOCHANAN THE HIGH PRIEST AND THE COMMUNITY OF THE JEWS"(3)	Poppy-head inbetween two cornucopiae.	\$35
2	Reif. 13	Same as SS1 except "JEHUDAH" as High Priest	Same as SS1.	\$150
3	Reif. 15	Anchor. "ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ" (King Alexander)	Sun-wheel with unin- telligible Hebrew inscription around. ["ALEXANDER"?]	\$35
4	Reif. 19	Same as SS1 except "JONATHAN" as High Priest	Same as SS1.	\$35
5	Syd. 913	King Aretas III kneeling beside camel. "M.SCAVR.AED.CVR. EX. S.C. REX ARETAS"	Quadriga. "P.HVPSAE AED. CVR.C.HVPSAE COS. PREIVE CAPTV."	\$185
6	Reif. 25	Laurel wreath. "MATTATHIAS"	Ear of barley between two cornucopiae.	\$50
7	Reif. 33	Anchor. "ΒΑΣΙΛΗΥΩ" (King Herod)	Caduceus between two cornucopiae.	\$45
8	Reif. 55	Bunch of grapes on branch with leaf. "ΗΡΩΔΟΥ" (Herod)	Helmet with cheek pieces and double crest. "ΕΘΝΑΡΧΟΥ" (Ethnarch)	\$45
9	Reif. 119	Ear of barley. "KAICAPOC" (Caesar)	Palm tree with two bunches of dates. "ΛΑΘ" (Year 39=8/9 C.E.)	\$40
10	Reif. 121	Same as SS9.	Same as SS9 except date. "LMA" (Year 41=10/11 C.E.)	\$50
11	Reif. 129	Laurel wreath. "TIB KAICAP" (Tiberius Caesar)	Palm branch. "ΙΟΥΛΙΑ ΛΑ" (Julia Year 5=18/19 C.E.)	\$50
12	Reif. 132	Litius (Augur's wand.) "TIBEPIOY KAICAPOC"	Laurel wreath. "LIZ" (Year 17=30/31 C.E.)	\$50
13	Reif. 59	Umbrella with fringe. "ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΓΡΙΠΑΝ" (King Agrippa)	Three ears of barley. "LS" (Year 6=42/43 C.E.)	\$35
14	Reif. 136	Palm branch. "LE KAICAPOC" (Year 5=58/59 C.E.)	Olive wreath. "ΝΕΡΩΝΟC" (Nero)	\$35
15	Reif. 147	Narrow-necked amphora. "Year Two"	Vine branch with leaf and tendril. "DELIVERANCE OF ZION"	\$50
16	Cohen 226	Bust of Vespasian. "IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG" (Imperial Caesar Vespasian Augustus)	Female figure, repre- senting Judaea, in attitude of mourning at foot of Roman trophy. "IVDAEA" (Judaea)	\$300
17	Reif. 204	Vine leaf. "FOR THE FREEDOM OF IERUSALEM"	Palm tree with two bunches of dates. "SIMON"	\$250

NOTES: (1) The Jewish coins are attributed according to Reifenberg's "Ancient Jewish Coins," the Roman coins refer to Sydenham's "The Coinage of the Roman Republic" or Cohen's "Medailles Impériales".

(2) The approximate retail price in "Fine" condition (i.e. all features of the coin's design and inscriptions clear and bold).

(3) Following inscriptions in Ancient Hebrew: Obverse SS1, 2, 4 and 6; Reverse SS3; Obverse and Reverse SS15 and 17.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN ACQUIRE THIS EXCITING SET OF ANCIENT JUDAEAN COINS FOR AS LITTLE AS \$50 PER MONTH...

Just indicate below that you are ready to embark on this exciting venture, and we will send you coins as we can locate them. Coins will be guaranteed genuine of course and will be sent on approval. The cost for each coin cannot be fixed in advance but will depend upon quality and current fair market value.

Because of the difficulty in assembling these sets... we must limit this offer to only the first 25 members who apply. Since our current membership is about 500 people, we urge you to *rush* your application form to us to avoid possible disappointment.

P.S. If there are any coins in this Starter Set that you already have just indicate that on the form and these pieces won't be sent to you.

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STARTER SET APPLICATION FORM

- ☐ Yes...I want you to assemble the 17 genuine Ancient Judaeon Coin Starter Set for me. I understand that coins will be shipped to me as they can be located. I will either remit payment or return the selection within 10 days of receipt. On occasion, similar coins may be substituted other than those illustrated.
- ☐ I will remit check or money order for coins kept.
- ☐ I prefer to charge my purchases on: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmerExpress

Card No. _____ Expires _____

Please budget my shipments to about:

- ☐ \$50 per month ☐ \$100 per month ☐ \$250 per month

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